

# Exploring STEM in Afterschool with Y4Y Webinar December 13, 2012





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# **How to Use the Technology**









## **Introductions**

#### **Welcome Remarks:**

#### Dr. Sylvia Lyles

Director, AITQ U.S. Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

#### **Host:**

**Jennifer Kobrin** Y4Y Content Specialist

#### **Guest Presenter 1:**

#### Kim Larson

Coordinator of Professional Development Nebraska 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC

#### **Guest Presenter 2:**

#### Kristie Maher

Executive Director
South Dakota Discovery
Center





# **Goals & Objectives**

- Understand STEM and why it is an important priority for the US Department of Education and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program
- Learn how the Y4Y portal can enhance STEM topics in your afterschool program
- Hear from two states who are providing innovative STEM opportunities to 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grantees

















### Seize the STEM Potential

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# **STEM Diagram**

# Seize the STEM potential

People from all walks of life their knowledge of science, technology, engineering an math every day. Out-of-sch activities can help student develop new interests in STEM, build background knowledge and set the star for deeper learning.



#### Expand your STEM team



Out-of-school STEM activities benefit fro involving experts wh a deep understandin content.

## Leverage school-day opportunities

Coordinating out-of-school STEM activities with school-day partners is a win-win.



## Deepen your understanding





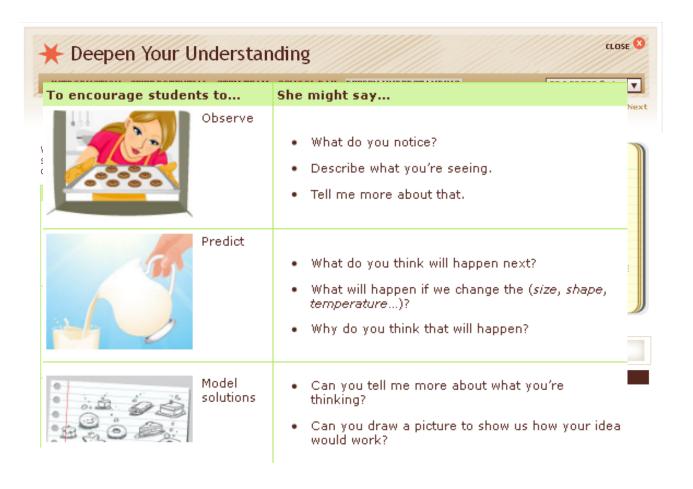
You don't have to be an expert to lead STEM activities, although it helps to understand key concepts. By building your content knowledge, you will also show your students the value of lifelong learning.

I'm starting to imagine what STEM programmi might look like in our 2 CCLC program. I can find local help a resources to support STEM programming. Coordinating our 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC STEM activities with K-12 partners is a win-win. I have started on a path that will lead to valuable STEM experiences for the students we serve.





### Using the Language of STEM

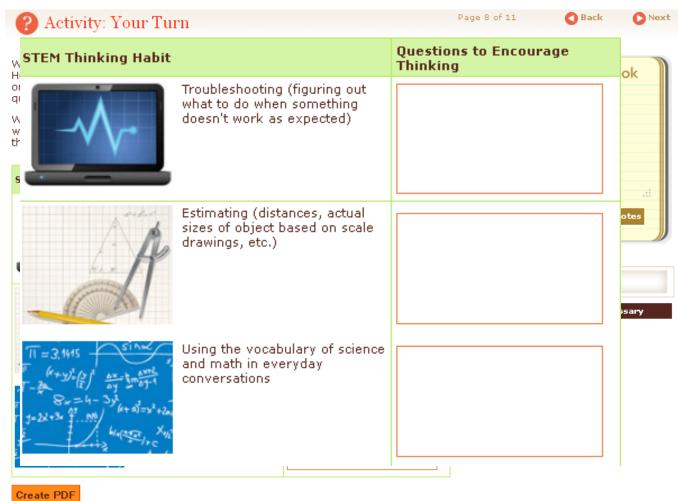








### Using the Language of STEM: Your Turn









#### STEM Resources on Y4Y



Enter Search Terms: STEM

Find links to information and resources you need now.

#### National Lab Network

The Network is a public-private partnership that is part of the White House Educate to Innovate Initiative. The network is designed to nonect volunteers — including university students, scientists, engineers, other STEM professionals and interested community members — with educators (including out-of-school program staff) to bring engaging, hands-on STEM experiences to students in grades K-12. Using a project request form, educators can post requests for volunteer help, access to equipment, or expertise needed for specific projects. They can also search a database of available resources or view a geographic map of STEM projects under way across the country.

and aligned to educational resources throughout a community. While there is no complete model, efforts across the country point the way toward redesigning education. A review of research and emerging strategies suggests a new learning system that includes the following elements: redefinition of student success; use of knowledge about how students learn best throughout the day — and year round; integration of various approaches to acquiring and reinforcing knowledge; intentional collaboration across local, state and national sectors; and new leadership and professional development opportunities. C.S. Mott Foundation. (2007). Flint, MI: Author.



Resources and Technical Assistance
> Resource Search > Search Term: "STEM"



# Y4Y and STEM: The Exchange



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#### **Discussion Boards**

What has your program done that worked well? What are you struggling with? Coach each other by entering discussions with peers. Post your challenges and successes in the discussion board and interact with other programs across the country that can share useful feedback or resources.

#### **Topics**

Aligning With The School Day	Discussions (Active / Awaiting Approval / Total): 0 / 0 / 0
→ Family Involvement	Discussions (Active / Awaiting Approval / Total): 1 / 0 / 1  Most recently updated on October 25, 2012
→ Project-Based Learning	Discussions (Active / Awaiting Approval / Total): 2 / 0 / 2  Most recently updated on November 5, 2012
→ STEM	Discussions (Active / Awaiting Approval / Total): 1 / 0 / 1  Most recently updated on November 5, 2012
Strengthening Partnerships	Discussions (Active / Awaiting Approval / Total): 1 / 0 / 1  Most recently updated on November 6, 2012







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# Nebraska BLAST!

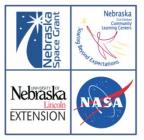
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#### Nebraska BLAST!





















Nebraska BLAST! is funded by a **NASA Summer of Innovation Cooperative Agreement,** and through partnerships with:

- Nebraska 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Nebraska Department of Education
- NASA Nebraska Space Grant
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension
- University of Nebraska Munroe Meyer Institute
- University of Nebraska-Omaha
- Strategic Air and Space Museum, Ashland, NE







#### **Nebraska BLAST!**

- Curriculum and ongoing support provided by NASA and Nebraska STEM experts
- 1, 2 and 3-day regional workshops delivered, primarily in the summer
- Afterschool staff and teachers attend workshops as a team
- Provide curriculum, resources, and materials to support implementation
- Connect programs to STEM experts in their communities



# Nebraska BLAST! Content Strands



- Robotics
- Cosmic Connections to the Universe
- Aviation and Aeronautics
- Rocketry
- High Altitude Ballooning





# **Robotics**















## **Robotics**

- NASA Resources
- Robotics Unplugged Camp Guide
- Robotics
- 4-H Robotics
- GEAR TECH 21







## **Aviation and Aeronautics**







#### **Aviation and Aeronautics**

- NASA Resources
- Museum in a Box
- Aeronautics Resources for K-12 Educators
- Aeronautics Camp
- NASA Space Grant Offices
- Local and Regional Airports





# Cosmic Connections to the Universe















# High Altitude Ballooning Rocketry



# Cosmic Connections to the Universe: High Altitude Ballooning Rocketry



- NASA Resources
- Summer of Innovation Rocketry Camp Guide
- NASA Space Grant
- Science Museums (Example: Strategic Air and Space Museum near Omaha, Nebraska)
  - Local Astronomy Clubs





# **Our Next Steps...**

- Provide ongoing support for designing and implementing summer and school year STEM experiences in Nebraska 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs
- Provide project-based learning professional development to promote deeper understanding of STEM content (including literacy connections)
- Continue to build community and regional connections and support for STEM education







# Where to Begin...

- Form partnerships with STEM experts: community, regional, and state
- Build collaborative working relationships between school day teachers and afterschool staff
- Take one step at a time: Start small and build your program







#### **Guest Presenter 2:**

# Kristie Maher Executive Director South Dakota Discovery Center







#### South Dakota STEM Showcase

Great Explorations in Math & Science (GEMS)

#### Partners:

- South Dakota Discovery Center
- South Dakota DOE 21<sup>ST</sup> Century Community Learning Centers





# Partnership Inspired 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC STEM Activities



21st CCLC's bring students on field trips to the science center exhibit hall for free exploration









## **Field Trips to SD Discovery Center**



# Partnership Inspired 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC STEM Activities





Secret Formulas GEMS kit

Kids love 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC staff-led STEM activities from **GEMS kits** 

"Simply put we use the GEMS kits because they save us time. We know all the projects meet state standards. Almost everything is there, so we use what we want for activities."

-Kristy Messner, Belle Fourche JAM











Penguins and Their Young Kit

- 21CCLC's invite SD
   Discovery Center
   educators to conduct
   outreach programs at
   their sites
- For strongest impact, some sites host regularly scheduled programs





# 21st CCLC

# **SD Discovery Center Outreach Programs**

- 100% of responding sites that have hosted SDDC outreach agreed that their students' interest in science has increased due to the use of SDDC science programs and that students' science skills have improved
- 60% of participants agreed that staff members improved science teaching skill and/or confidence through exposure to SDDC outreach programs held at their sites



Science of Flight Outreach Program





# Partnership Inspired 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC STEM Activities



- Students get a whole month to explore handson science exhibits at their 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC site
- Site staff use coordinating teaching kits for added learning and hands-on experiences











# **Traveling Exhibits**



"The kids and staff in Huron love the traveling exhibits. We have had every one of them and have found that majority of them meet the needs of all grade levelsthere is something for everyone. We would get more of them if we could. The students and staff appreciate the clear directions and teaching materials that are included with each exhibit." Laura Willemsson, Assistant Principal, Huron, SD





# **Family Festivals To Go**





Family Water Festival

- Family Festivals To Go are borrowed by 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites
- These festivals are designed to make it as easy as possible to host a fun, educational family event
- Kits are maintained by SD Discovery Center





# Family Festivals To Go



Family "Build It" Festival

- Some 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC's have used the basic model to make family nights of their own
- Stanley County GOLD CLC has borrowed SDDC microscopes, GEMS kits, tobacco prevention materials, and lego kits to use during family nights
- Several other sites host family nights using the HOP exhibits







## **Thank You**

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# Q & A









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#### **Next Steps**

#### Visit The Exchange on Y4Y to:

- Download today's PowerPoint presentation
- View a recording of today's webinar
- Access resources highlighted in today's webinar

Don't forget to register!

http://y4y.ed.gov/SiteRegister.aspx



